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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Krishnamurthy Vaidyanathan  
Serial No. : 09/910,971  
Filed : July 20, 2001  
For : SOFTWARE DEFINABLE BLOCK ADAPTIVE  
DECISION FEEDBACK EQUALIZER  
Group No. :  
Examiner :

**BOX NON-FEE-AMENDMENT**  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

<p align="center"><b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</b></p> <p>I certify that this correspondence, including the attachments listed, is being deposited in an envelope with sufficient postage as first class mail addressed to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on August 7, 2001.</p> <p><u>KATHY LONGENECKER</u> Printed Name of Person Mailing</p> <p><u>Kathy Longenecker</u> Signature of Person Mailing</p>
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

No fees are believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any fees are required for the prosecution of this application, please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0208. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is needed, the extension is requested and please charge the fee for the extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: